

Minutes
Well Contractors Certification Commission Meeting
February 5, 2019 10:00 AM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Well Contractors Certification Commission was called to order on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 10:01 AM at 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC, Rm. 302 with Chairman Doug McVey presiding. The following persons were in attendance for the meeting:

Commission Members

Justin Barefoot
David Brown
Jonathan Dills (absent)
Laura Honeycutt
Doug McVey
Todd Muench
Billy Yow

WCC Staff

Andrew Morgan
Gina Brown

DHHS Staff

Wilson Mize

Legal Staff

Guests

I. Preliminary Matters

(1) Chairman Doug McVey welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order. He then read the NC State Government Ethics Act which mandates that the Chairman inquire as to whether any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the Commission. He asked if any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict. No conflicts noted.

(2) The chairman also read a statement on the purpose of the Well Contractors Certification Commission: (Article 7A-Well Contractors Certification, G.S. 87-98.3). **Purpose:** It is the purpose of this Commission to protect the public health and safety by ensuring the integrity and competence of well contractors, to protect and beneficially develop the groundwater resources of the State, to require the examination of well contractors and the certification of their competency to supervise or conduct well contractor activity, and to establish procedures for the examination and certification of well contractors.

(3) Notation of Any Revisions or Additions to the Agenda
Chairman McVey bypassed revisions or additions and moved to action items.

II. Action Items

(1) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Billy Yow made a motion to approve the revised August 7, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Todd Muench seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(2) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Billy Yow made a motion to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(3) Certification Clarification request from Remington Technologies

Mr. Morgan briefed the Commission on the initial contact by Kevin Moore of Remington Technologies. The Commission then discussed the activities conducted based on information provided by Remington Technologies and considered the emailed opinion of D. Michael Rogers who is head of the injection well program for NC DEQ/DWR. Commissioner Billy Yow made a motion that the work done by Remington Technologies was construction of injection wells requiring certification as a well contractor. Commissioner David Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Information Items

(1) Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Drew Morgan, for activities that occurred between November 2018 and January 2019

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| 1) Exam Reviews | 4 |
| 2) Exams | 35 |
| 3) Field Observations | 6 |

The floor was open for questions; Commissioner Honeycutt asked about passing rate of field observations.

(2) NCGWA Roundtable discussion

Commissioners Brown, Muench and Yow attended. Commissioner Brown brief the Commission on the discussion of individual certification versus company certification. Commissioner Yow spoke on passing the written examination and applicant exam preparation course. Commissioner Brown stated he would like to see the applicant exam preparation course implemented. Commissioner Yow volunteered to host a trial run of the course at his business. Commissioner Brown motioned to pursue the applicant exam prep course. Commissioner Yow seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

(3) Certification Level Reclassification Update

Commissioner Todd Muench proposed to keep levels A-D and add 2 levels for geotechnical drilling. Commissioner Brown suggested splitting up mud rotary and air rotary drilling similar to NGWA.

(4) Review Committee Report

Commissioner David Brown presented the Review Committee report for meetings held in November, December 2018 and January 2019. The Review Committee had reviewed 17 applications for certification level A, 5 for level B, 5 for level C and 0 for level D. The Committee also reviewed 2 continuing education courses for pre-approval. A certification clarification request from Remington Technologies was deferred to the full Commission and the Committee requested Mr. Morgan attend the NC GWA roundtable discussion in Greensboro, NC.

(5) Budget Committee

Commissioner Billy Yow presented the Budget Committee report for the meeting held February 1, 2019. The Budget Committee approved purchasing new prescription safety glasses for Mr. Morgan and a new copier for the WCC unit. Commissioner Billy Yow made a motion to purchase a new computer. Commissioner Todd Muench seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Brown brought up replacing the current WCC database. The discussion involved the current RSTAS database and the software designer Blue Lizard. Mr. Morgan directed to contact Blue Lizard software.

(6) Disciplinary Committee

Chairman McVey had Mr. Morgan brief the Commission regarding a disciplinary request involving Jerry M. James, Jr. Chairman McVey updated the Commission as to the NC DOJ opinion change. Commissioner Yow explained to the Commission how the 42-foot liner was drilled out and replaced with a 102-foot liner. Chairman McVey then updated the Commission on the December 5, 2018 Disciplinary Committee meeting decision postponement. Legal counsel has advised to convene a Disciplinary Committee meeting and not take any action regarding as Mr. Grant has repaired the well.

(7) Ethics Update

None currently

IV. Closed Session

Commissioner Yow motioned to go into closed session. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting – May 7, 2019 @ 10am, 131 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC

Review Committee – March 5, 2019 @ 10:00am, at 501 Millstone Dr., Hillsborough, NC

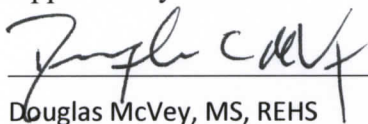
Budget Committee – July 27, 2019 @ 11am, at 2101 N. Oak St., Myrtle Beach, SC

VI. Adjournment

With no further business or comments from Commission or Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Morgan, REHS
WCC Staff

Approved by WCCC:



Douglas McVey, MS, REHS
Chairman, Well Contractors Certification Commission

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May 7, 2019

Date